Fernando Hadadd  
Worker’s Party (PT)  

Date of Birth: 25 January, 1963 (age 55)  
Hometown: São Paulo, São Paulo  

Education: Law, University of São Paulo; Master’s in Economics, University of São Paulo; Doctorate in Philosophy, University of São Paulo  

Running Mate: Manuela d’Ávila - Communist Party of Brazil (PCdoB)  

Political History  

Haddad joined the Worker’s Party (PT) in 1983. He began his career as a professor of contemporary political theory at the University of São Paulo, before becoming under-secretary of finance and economic development for the municipality of São Paulo (2001-2003). In 2005, he became minister of education, serving until 2012 in both the Lula and Dilma administrations. During his tenure as minister of education, Haddad’s main initiative was a program popularly referred to as ProUni, or the “university for all” program, which aimed to increase the number of students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds in higher education. In 2012, Haddad was elected the 51st mayor of São Paulo, a position which he held until 2017.

Haddad was named as former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva’s running mate for the 2018 presidential elections. However, he was later named PT’s new presidential nominee, when, as most expect, the TSE’s ruling declaring Lula ineligible (due to his corruption convictions) was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Corruption  

Haddad has not been charged with any form of corruption at this time. However, São Paulo state prosecutors have accused Haddad in a potential corruption and money laundering case related to a payment of 3 million reais to the graphic design company that printed all of Haddad’s campaign material. Haddad denies any wrongdoing.

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